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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japanese patent document 10-177283 is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the application, and is believed pertinent for the reasons discussed therein. The remaining Japanese patent documents were cited in the International Search Report conducted in connection with PCT/JP03/00517. Copies of all of the Japanese patent documents, as well as Abstracts obtained from a commercial database, are enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

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